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NATIONAL HOME STYLE TRENDS



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NEW ENGLAND COLONIAL

Home construction during the past decade has undergone many important changes. Yet, basically, architectural style remains a matter of personal taste and convenience and the new trends in home design reflect a universal acceptance of the salient features that prompted the original home designs of a given locality or period. For example, the Cape Cod house was originally developed and built almost exclusively in the northeastern region of the United States. Today adaptations of the original type are to be found in every section of the country. The same thing may be said for the ranch type or "rambling" home design. It was originally developed by growing families in the west where the price of land presented no problem and where the year round climate made it desirable to have as much exposure to sunlight and ventilation as possible. The features which made this type of house so desirable for western living have become just as much in demand in other sections of the country.

This can be said for almost every other type of American architecture. If the home design is pleasing in appearance and efficiently worked out for comfortable living, it is acceptable and desirable as a modern home plan. Many features that were originally present in early Colonial homes are just as effective, attractive, and even more efficient when incorporated into modern or contemporary architecture. The trends in present day and future home planning take these factors into full consideration and the harmonious blending of architectural detail creates individualized homes that reflect the personality and good taste of the owner.

This book, as the name implies, is designed to offer you a wide selection of such home designs, as well as interesting interior suggestions that are architecturally sound, in good taste and consistent with the requirements of the typical American family today, and for years to come. There has never before been a time when such a wide variety of home designs was available and acceptable to home builders and their communities. Neither has there ever before been the wide variety of stock millwork items and other standardized building materials to choose from. Through the cooperation of material sources, architects, contractors, and lumber dealers every possible saving in time, labor and materials is effected and passed on to you.

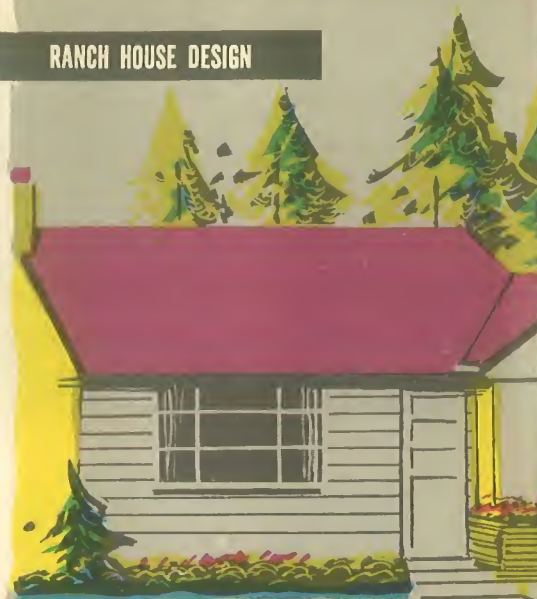
Many of these savings are accomplished through:

1. Efficient engineering of the plans for use of stock lumber sizes and standardized materials and equipment.
2. Dimensioning of plans for use of framing lumber in even lengths, thereby minimizing waste of material and labor.
3. Engineering for the use of modular millwork and other modular co-ordinated products.

This home plan book is designed to help you select the home of your choice and not as a technical treatise on home construction. For this reason, we will not attempt, in this foreword, to dwell at length upon the technical aspects of these homes, but they are important to you, and please feel free to come in and discuss any phase of home building with us. We welcome such discussions and you have our assurance that they will entail no obligation on your part.



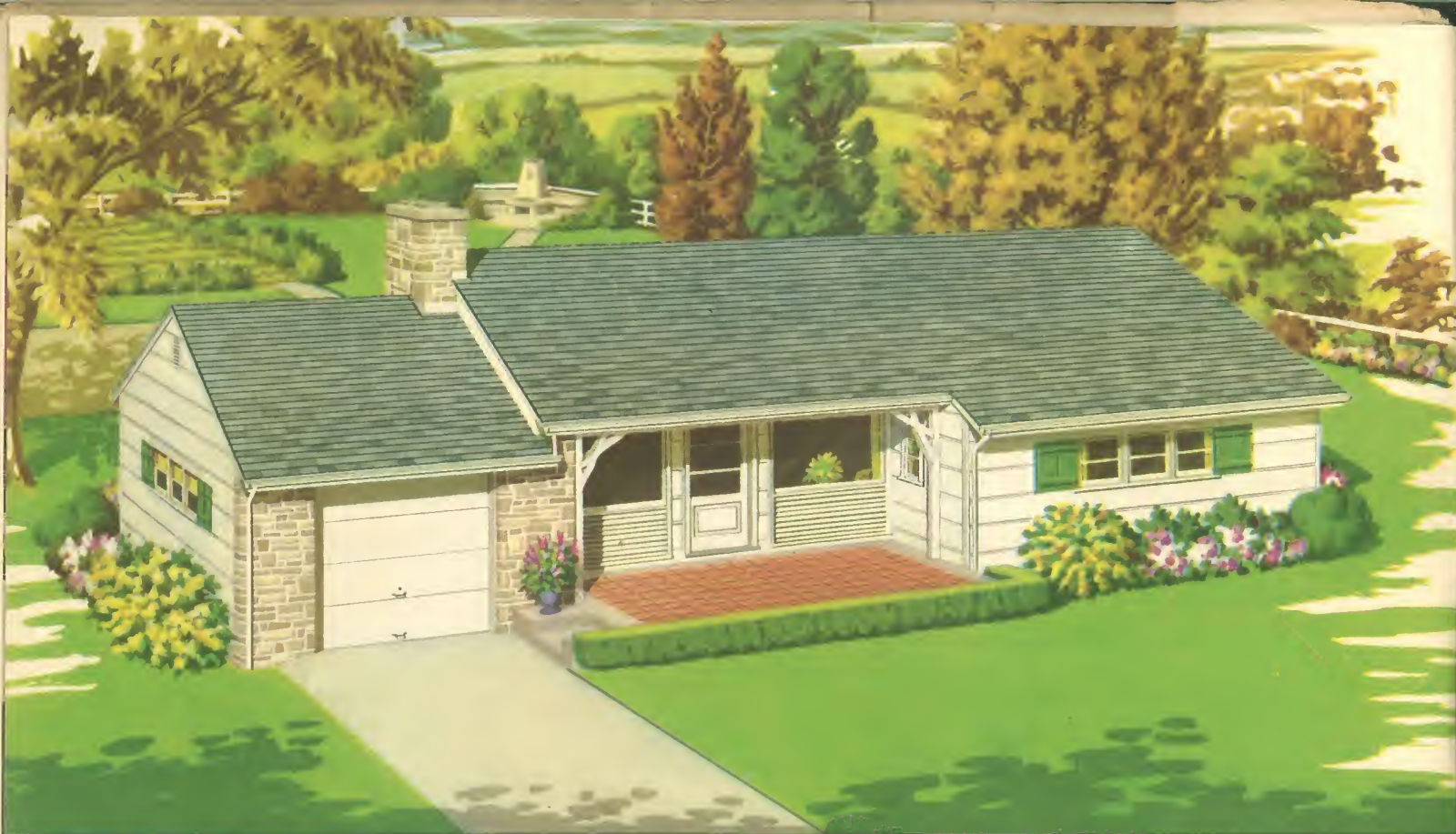
RANCH HOUSE DESIGN



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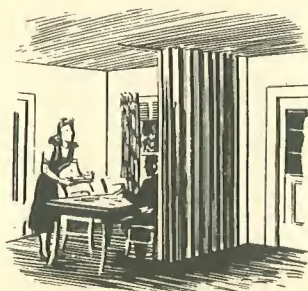


CONTEMPORARY MODERN



V-40 4 Rooms and Dining Space

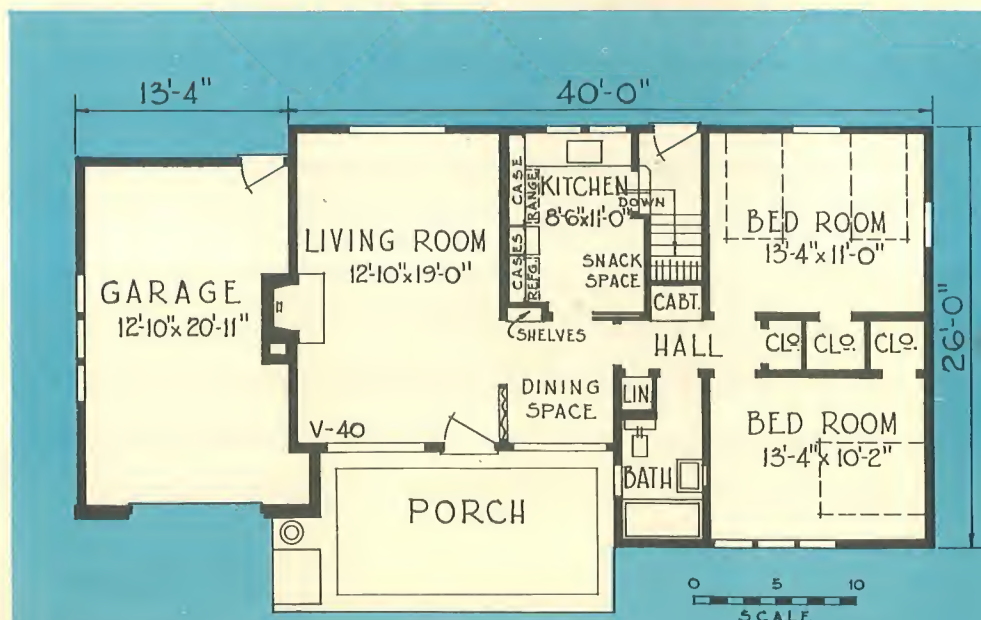
Five room efficiency is provided through the large dining space in this four room rambling home. There is also a snack space in the kitchen. The attached garage with stone at the entrance and the large open porch and terrace add appreciably to the interesting exterior and carry out the ranch effect. Actually, the plan is almost rectangular and therefor economical to build. The living room has a natural fireplace and ventilators are placed below the large picture windows at both the front and rear and in the dining space. The basic construction of the exterior is frame.



View of Dinette

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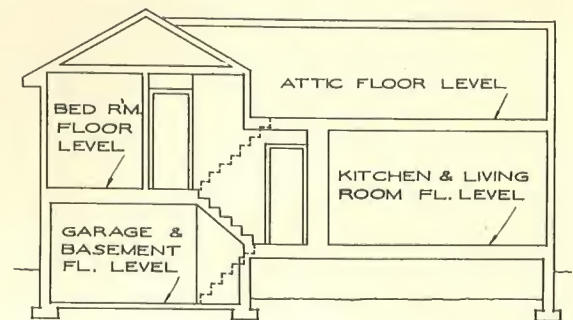
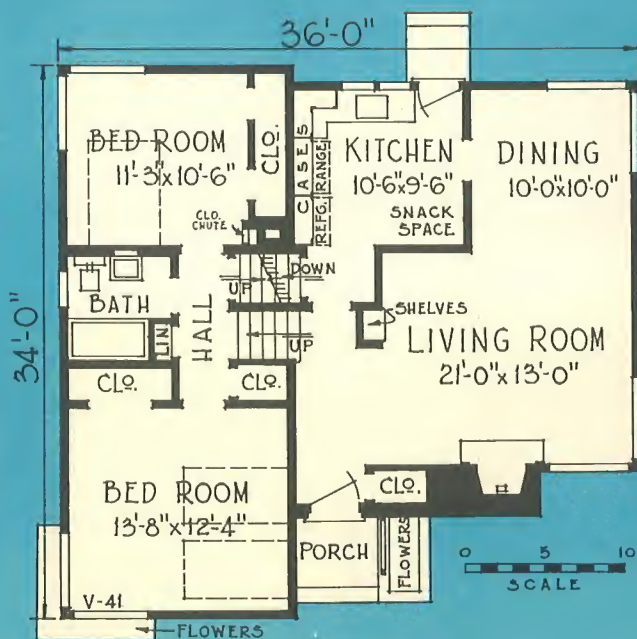
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V-41 Three-Level, with Garage

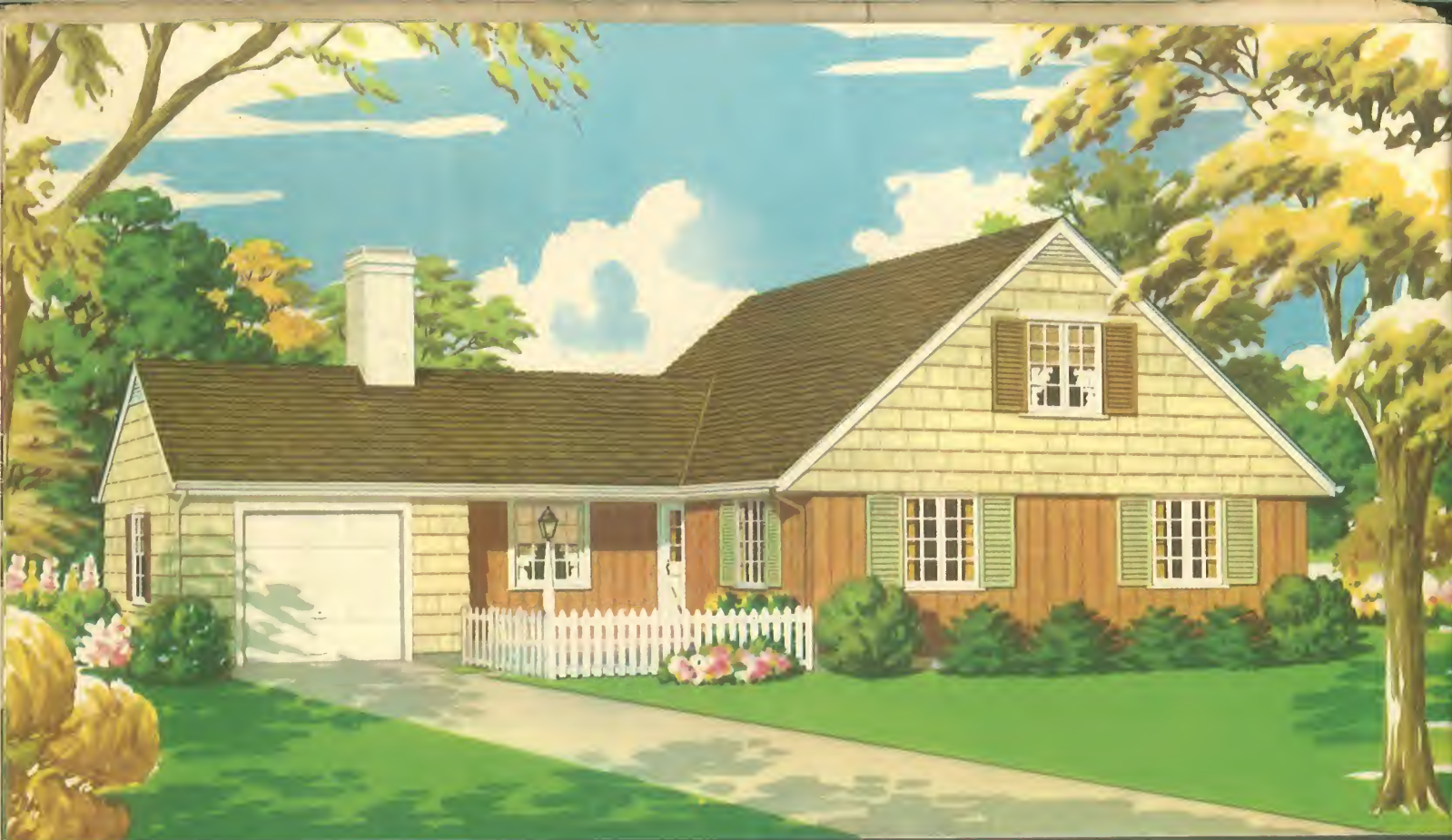
This home is an outstanding example of the beauty and efficiency that can be achieved through planning based upon the three-level principle. The living room, dining room and kitchen portion are on one level with the bedrooms and bath located one-half story above. The garage is under the bath and bedroom section and plenty of room is also provided on this level for laundry, heating and storage facilities. A stair leads from the hall between the bedrooms to a large attic storage space.



Section Showing Relative Floor Levels

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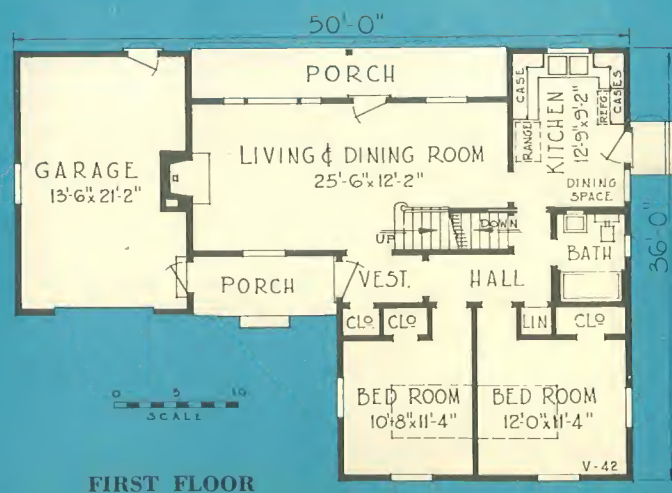
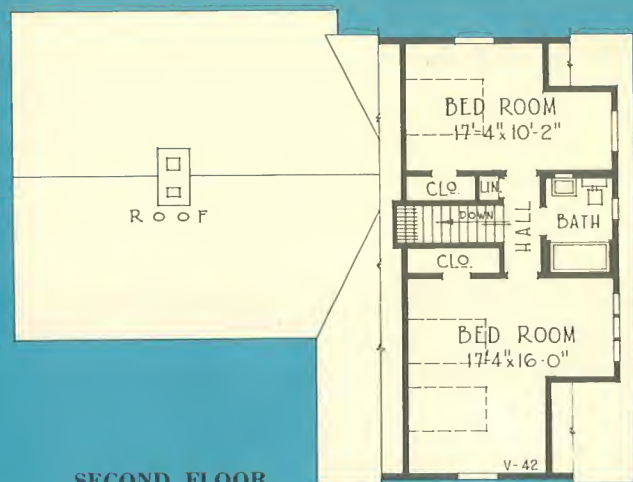
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Four Bedrooms

Here is a home with a pleasing, rambling appearance, yet with many Cape Cod characteristics. The first floor is in itself, a complete home with two bedrooms, large living and dining room, a natural fireplace and attached garage. It is not necessary to complete the two bedrooms and bath on the second floor until such time as they are needed. Additional dining space is included in the kitchen. The kitchen layout is a model of compactness and efficiency, planned on the "U" pattern. The "garden view" is becoming more and more popular and this plan provides plenty of that. A large picture window, a door and casement windows provide view and accessibility to a large porch at the rear.

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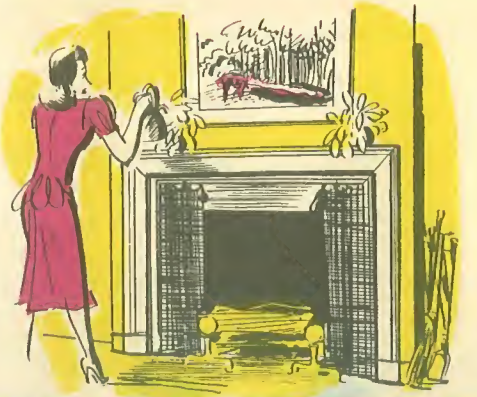
Cubic Feet: House 26,830, Garage 3,696. Square Feet: Living Area 1st Floor 964, 2nd Floor 582, Porches 161, Garage 308. Ceiling Heights: 1st Floor 8 ft., 2nd Floor 7 ft. 6 in., Basement 7 ft.



Liberal use of glass creates a healthful atmosphere that lets in a flood of natural outdoor light, brightening the entire interior. "Picture" windows suitable for almost every type of architecture are readily available and many of them are handled as stock items that considerably reduce the cost. Because of their large size, these windows let in plenty of light, and afford picturesque, intriguing views.

Bay windows and modern corner windows should also be given full consideration and glass blocks are available in many sizes and patterns. The use of mirrors, as well, can change the entire appearance of the room. A wide mirror creates an illusion of larger size as well as reflecting the charm of the room itself.

Fireplaces have been, from time immemorial, regarded as the essence of hospitality and a symbol of welcome into the "charmed circle." Over the years, fireplaces have become modernized in keeping with present day architecture and a wide range of designs are available from which to choose.



Built-in bookcases are not only very attractive but they save space and add greatly to the personality and atmosphere of the home. In addition to the storage of books, colorful pottery and other knick-knacks may be displayed in a perfect setting.

The bookcases illustrated at the right also have storage compartments at the bottom that are so essential for keeping within easy accessibility the many items associated with living room pastimes . . . allowing the room to be kept tidy and uncluttered when not in use.

By all means, plan the location of your telephone before building. The placement of the telephone is important and its location should be in the most easily accessible area of the house. Privacy is also desirable and this would indicate a convenient hallway or other area which is not actually a part of the living room.

Space of this kind is usually very limited so it is unwise to risk the hazards of a small table or other movable furniture of a similar nature. The built-in telephone niche illustrated here is economical to install and it lends a note of efficiency that is highly complimentary to its owners. The shelf underneath the one on which the telephone rests may be pulled out for easy directory reference or writing.





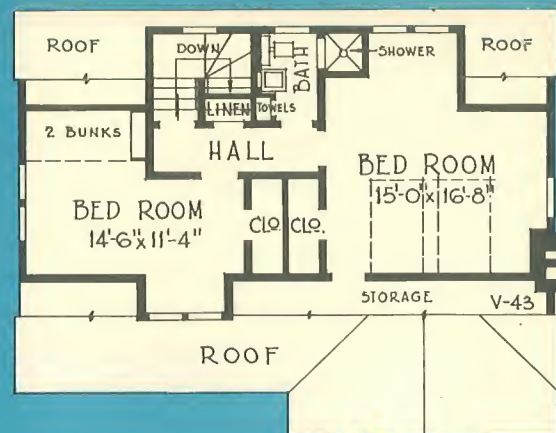
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One or Two Floors

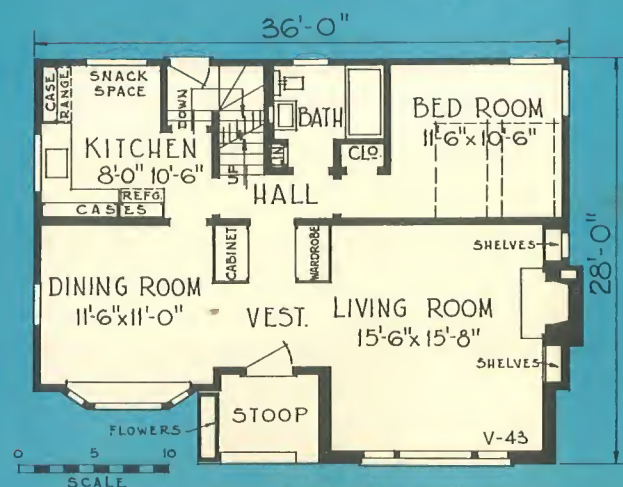
Many Colonial characteristics prevail in the design of this quite modern home. The living room has a natural fireplace with book shelves on each side and two movable cabinets form a vestibule between the living and dining rooms. There is a bedroom on the first floor and a full bath as well as two bedrooms and a half bath on the second. One of the upstairs bedrooms is large, with plenty of room for twin beds and the other is ideal for a children's room. Note the floor plan suggests two built-in bunks. An important feature of this home is the completeness of the first floor. The second floor need be finished only when and if needed.

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Cubic Feet: 21,646. Square Feet: Living Area 1st Floor 908, 2nd Floor 567. Ceiling Heights: 1st Floor 8 ft., 2nd Floor 7 ft. 6 in., Basement 7 ft.



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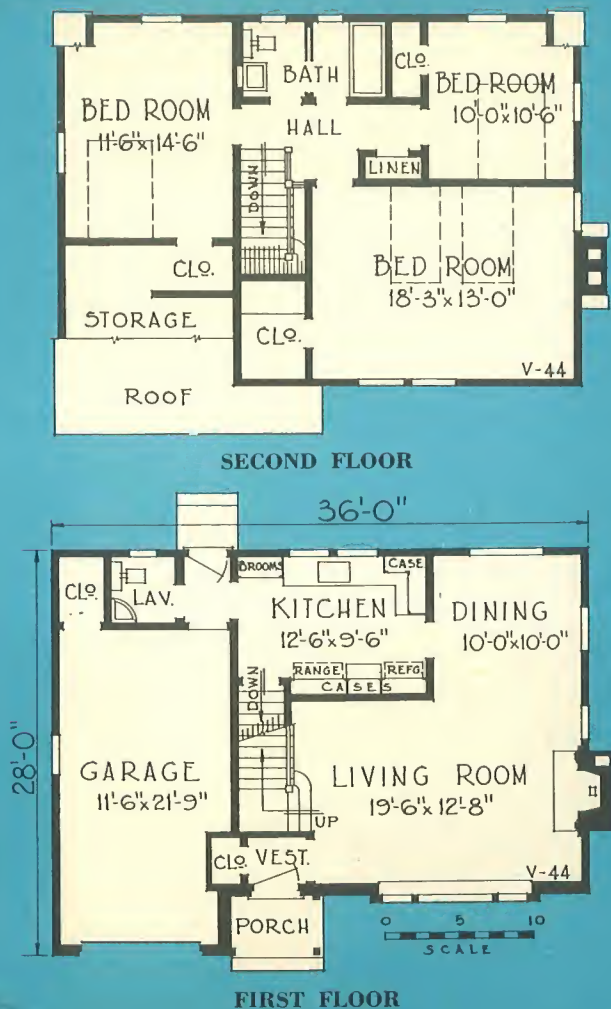


FIRST FLOOR



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Featuring a Dual Bath



This home has many modern and even contemporary characteristics, yet it definitely reflects its Colonial heritage. The living-room-dining-room combination is "L" shaped and the living room portion contains a natural fireplace as well as a large bay window. The center portion of this window is a stationary picture window with ventilating windows at either side. There are three bedrooms upstairs, one of which is exceptionally large. A lavatory is provided on the first floor off the rear entry, and upstairs there is a dual compartment bath with the fixtures arranged into two separate compartments. Facilities may be used by two members of the family at the same time.

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Cubic Feet: 21,312. Square Feet: Living Area 1st Floor 629, 2nd Floor 792, Garage 283. Ceiling Heights: 1st Floor 8 ft., 2nd Floor 8 ft., Basement 7 ft.



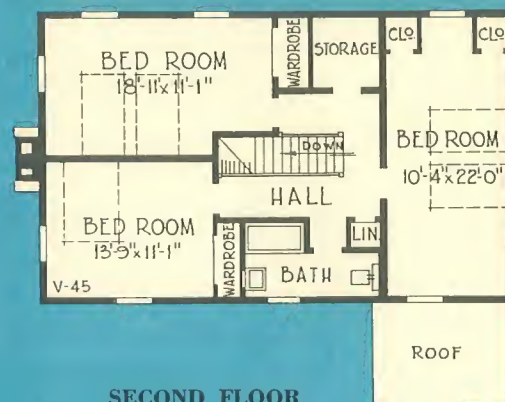
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Conventional Colonial

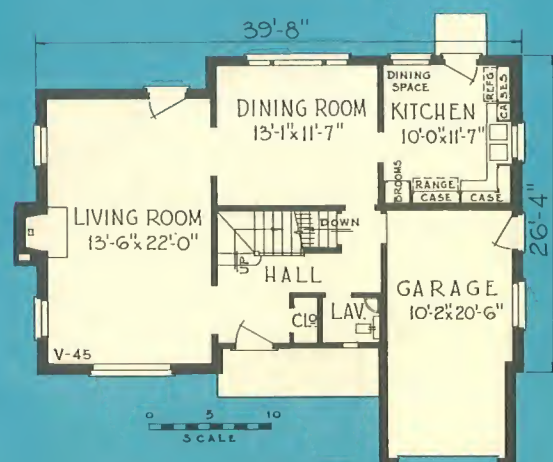
With all modern conveniences, of course, the conventional Colonial is still, and will continue to be one of the most popular of all home designs. Its simple dignity and grace and the economy of its construction are considerations of the utmost importance. The attached garage is an integral part of this home and in addition there are six full rooms. Every inch of space is utilized to full advantage and two of the three bedrooms upstairs will accommodate twin beds. Note the storage closet off of the hall, and large wardrobes. There is a powder room off the first floor entry hall which is convenient to all downstairs rooms. The upstairs has a full bath. The exterior construction is of brick on the lower walls with beveled siding above.

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Cubic Feet: 26,718. Square Feet: Living Area 1st Floor 834, 2nd Floor 937, Garage Area 236. Ceiling Heights: 1st Floor 8 ft., 2nd Floor 8 ft., Basement 7 ft.



SECOND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR

Adequate, compact storage for table pads, table cloths and napkins and dishes make table setting and serving far simpler and less time-consuming. It is not necessary, however, to sacrifice dignity and beauty to achieve this, and the selection of an ornamental corner built-in cabinet for your dining room or dining space actually adds to its attractiveness.

Select the type most suited to your room and dining room furniture, from the many designs that are available. Dish and linen cabinets built into the wall are also very useful, and save space. The one illustrated adds a very unique note to the charming natural wood motif of the dining room or dinette. The size and space of these built-in wall shelves and cabinets are limited only by the room area and your own personal preferences.

The Dinette when an integral part of the living room, can be separated from it to some extent by the use of movable china cabinets which serve as partial partitions. Thus, the identity of the dining area where preferred can be maintained in a simple, yet useful manner.

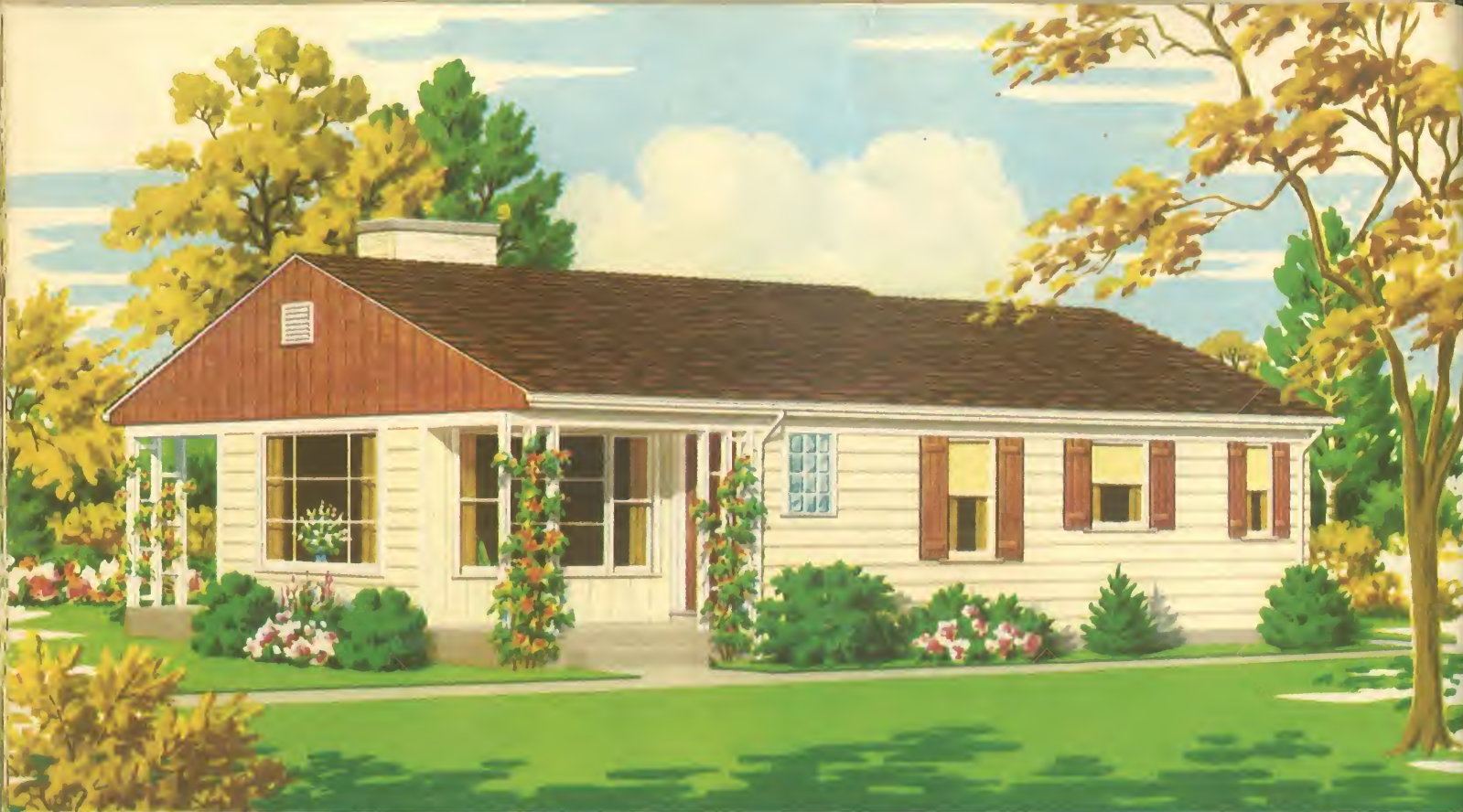


The kitchen table is almost a thing of the past. Modern kitchens, with their ample work areas, have eliminated the necessity for anything so space-consuming and of such doubtful aesthetic value. There can be no denying, however, that it was an almost indispensable work, time and step saver for those early breakfasts, midnight snacks and nocturnal icebox raids.

Snack bars, tables and dining sets are available in many different sizes, shapes and styles. It is surprising how little space they occupy and how much they add to the attractiveness and convenience of the kitchen. The two suggestions shown here for built-in snack consuming are modern answers to kitchen table replacement. One of them provides a built-in disappearing table, with shelves for dish and utensil storage, and the other an attractive snack bar which occupies minimum space and may be used as a work area. The seats are integral parts of the snack bar itself and slide in when not in use.

Where a kitchen corner snack space is available it can be neatly and decoratively transformed into a colorful nook by the use of leatherette or plastic covered seats and a movable table.





V-46 For Wide or Narrow Lot

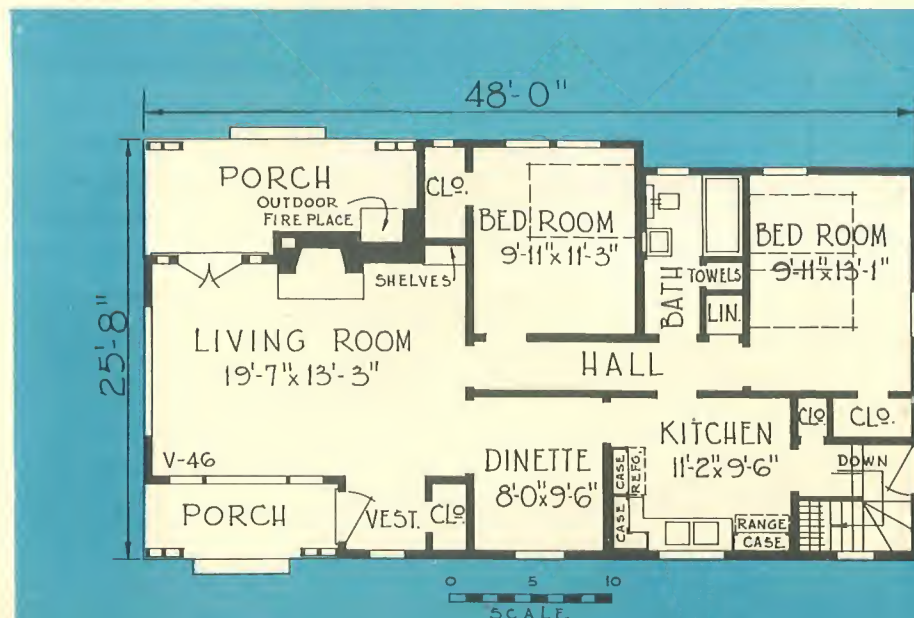
This is a typical **Western** type bungalow, a style which is frequently classified as "ranch type." It is so designed that it may be used with either a wide or narrow frontage. If your lot is quite wide or rather narrow the effect is equally pleasing. The living room has a large natural fireplace and the porch on that side has an outdoor fireplace. The porch itself may be either screened or glazed for comfortable "outdoor living." Open book-shelves and two large view windows are important features of the living room. Glass block is introduced to provide interest and additional light for the vestibule. A basement is provided under the entire home.

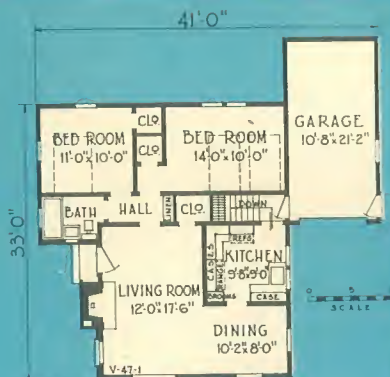


Porch and Outdoor Fireplace

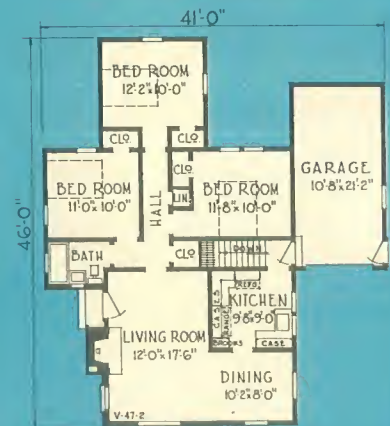
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PLAN 1—2 BEDROOMS



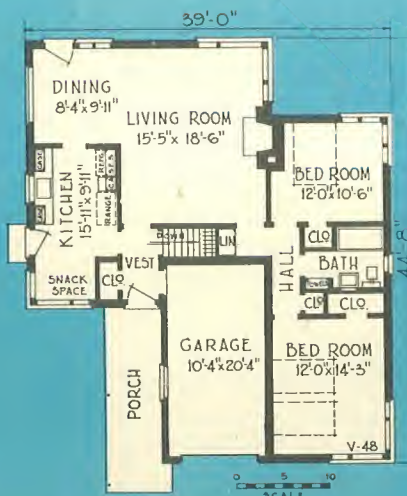
PLAN 2—3 BEDROOMS

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Cubic Feet: House Plan 1—17,270, Plan 2—19,298, Garage Plan 1 & Plan 2—2,783. Square Feet: Living Area Plan 1—879, Plan 2—1,048. Garage Plan 1 & Plan 2—242. Ceiling Height 8 ft., Basement 7 ft.

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Cubic Feet: 19,762. Square Feet: Living Area 1,168, Garage Area 231, Porch Area 114. Ceiling Height 8 ft. 1½ in., Basement 7 ft.



V-47

4 or 5 Rooms

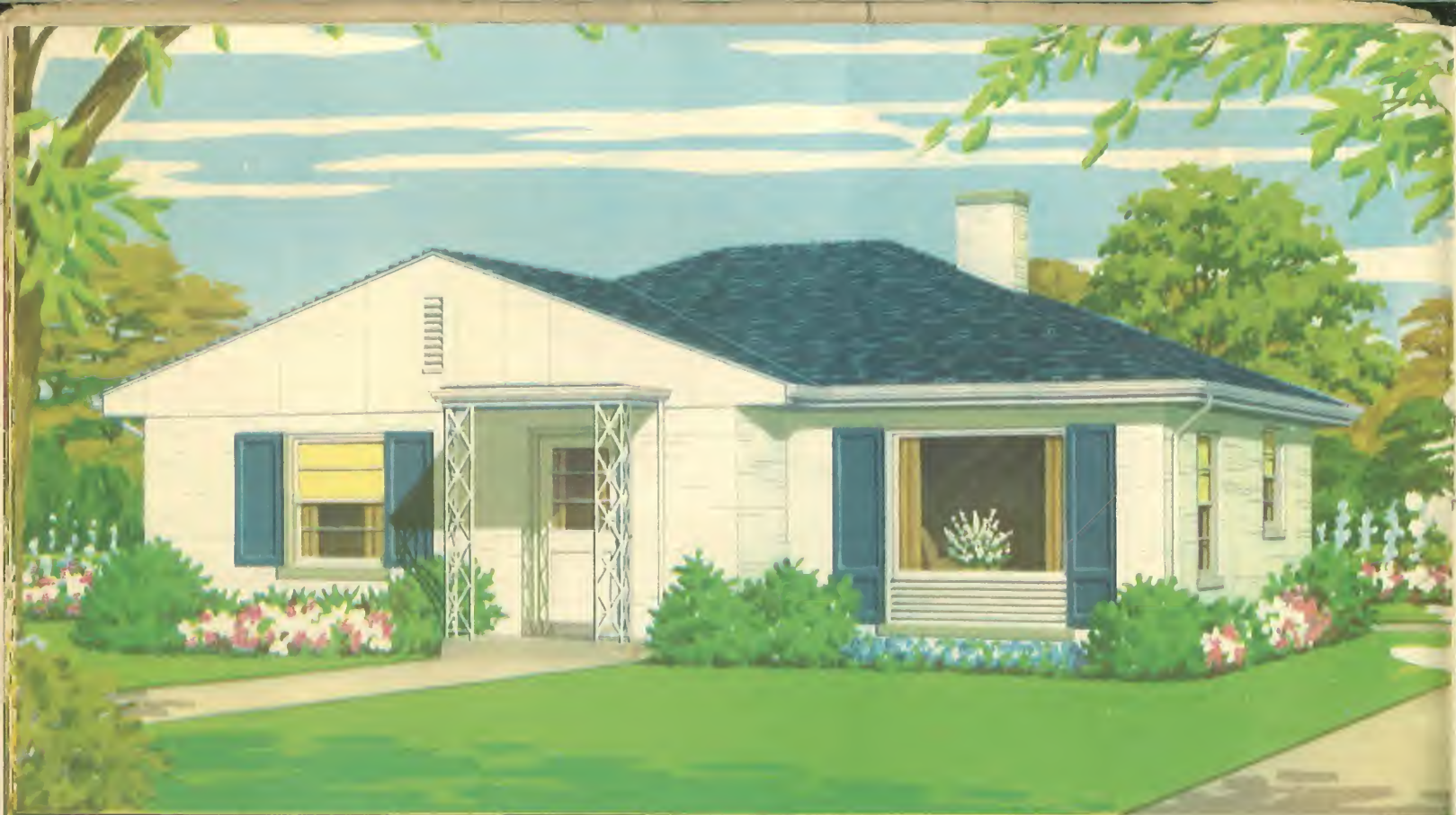
This home is of frame construction with brick introduced at the front of the living room walls for contrast and added interest. Two plans are available. Plan 1 is a four room home with two bedrooms and a dining space. Plan 2 is the same except for an additional bedroom. The living room features a natural fireplace with a large picture window at the front. For another variation of this same basic design, see Design V-60 on page 30.



V-48

Concrete Block Walls

This is an outstanding example of modern architecture featuring the hip roof and concrete block exterior. The large living room is at the rear and is "L" shaped to provide a dining section. The large kitchen also has a snack space.



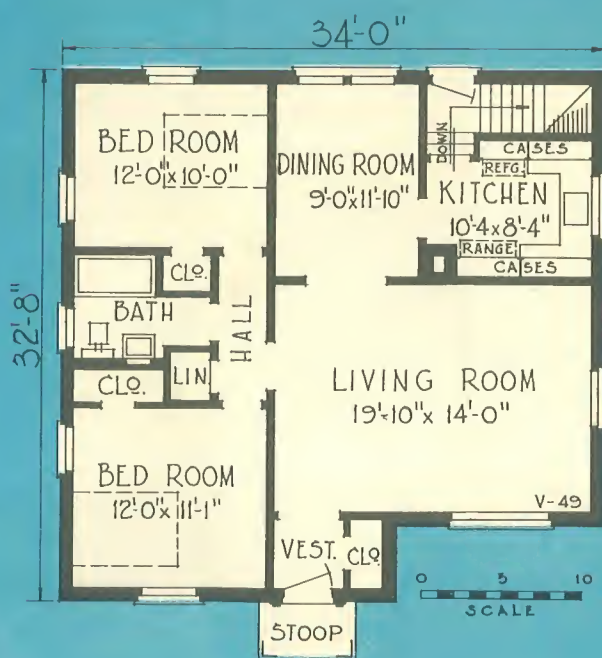
V-49

Modern Brick Home

Distinctly modern in character, this one story brick home has five rooms that are planned for full utilization of space and economy in construction. The hip roof of the main building and the gable of the projecting front section are pleasing and practical. The living room has a large picture window at the front with a modern full width ventilator below the glass area. The kitchen facilities are arranged in the efficient "U" fashion and there is a basement under the entire home. There are two bedrooms with a modern bath and linen closet accessible from the connecting hall.

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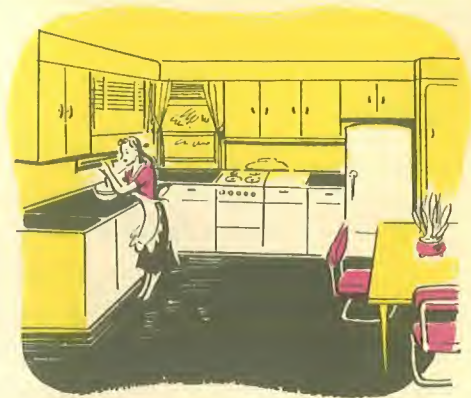


The hours that are spent in the kitchen are what you make them. That is why too much care cannot be given to its arrangement and decoration . . . to save steps and be as pleasant, comfortable and enjoyable as it is possible to make it. Personal tastes should be your guide when selecting colors, curtains, and decorative schemes. The kitchen is distinctively *yours*. It reflects your own personality. Make it a room you are happy to be in, and proud to show your guests.

There are many ways of planning kitchen arrangements, but some major principles should be followed to save time and effort and afford greatest convenience —

1. Include counter tops or working space beside the sink, the range and the refrigerator.
2. Place the sink so that it is convenient to the range and refrigerator.
3. Include a food-mixing center, beside the refrigerator preferably, or beside the range.

Store food and equipment nearest the place where they are used — within arm's reach whenever possible.



Careful planning of the utility room pays dividends in efficiency and work saving. With the many laundering and heating devices on the market today, which are almost automatic, the utility room may become a cheerful place to spend necessary and no longer disagreeable hours. It may be possible to arrange your utility room just off the kitchen, which will save many steps. An arrangement of that kind is shown at the right where the combination of the two rooms virtually become a utility-kitchen. Much of the space in the kitchen can actually be used for purposes in connection with the family laundry. Each of the two rooms has its own individuality, yet may be called upon at times to “double” for the other.

Another innovation in utility rooms is illustrated here. This utility room also serves as a sewing room where necessary mending and button replacement may be attended to right at the scene of discovery. By adding a rug or two, this cheerful setting is even appropriate for an informal sitting room.

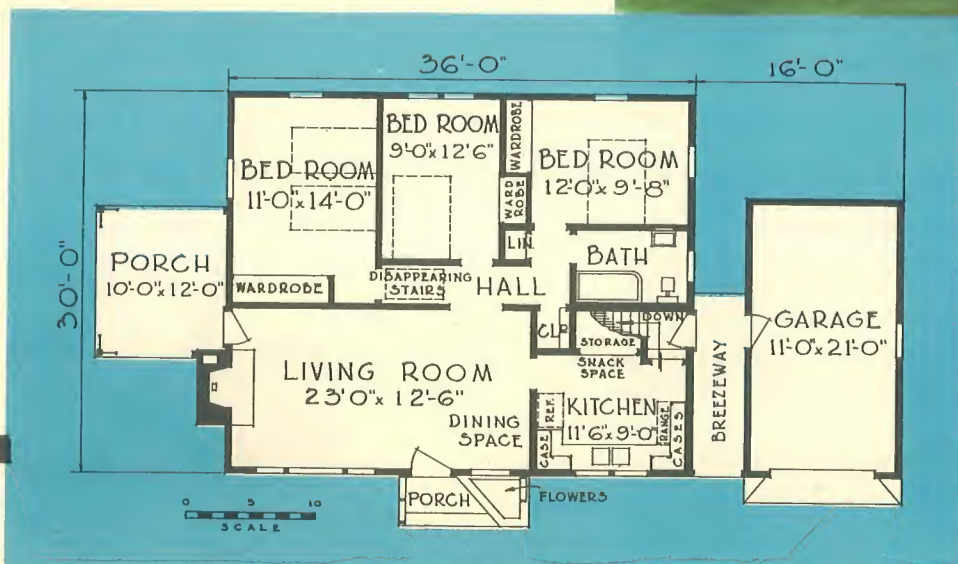
The basement laundry should not be neglected. The same care should be taken in its planning as is done for a main floor utility room. The same innovations can be incorporated and the same conveniences included. It can be made as cheery and as colorful as any other part of the home. Usually, too, more room is available to accomplish these things in the basement laundry area.



The Certigrade National Home

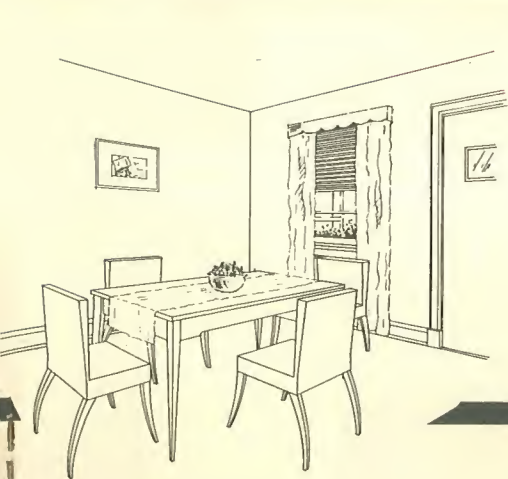
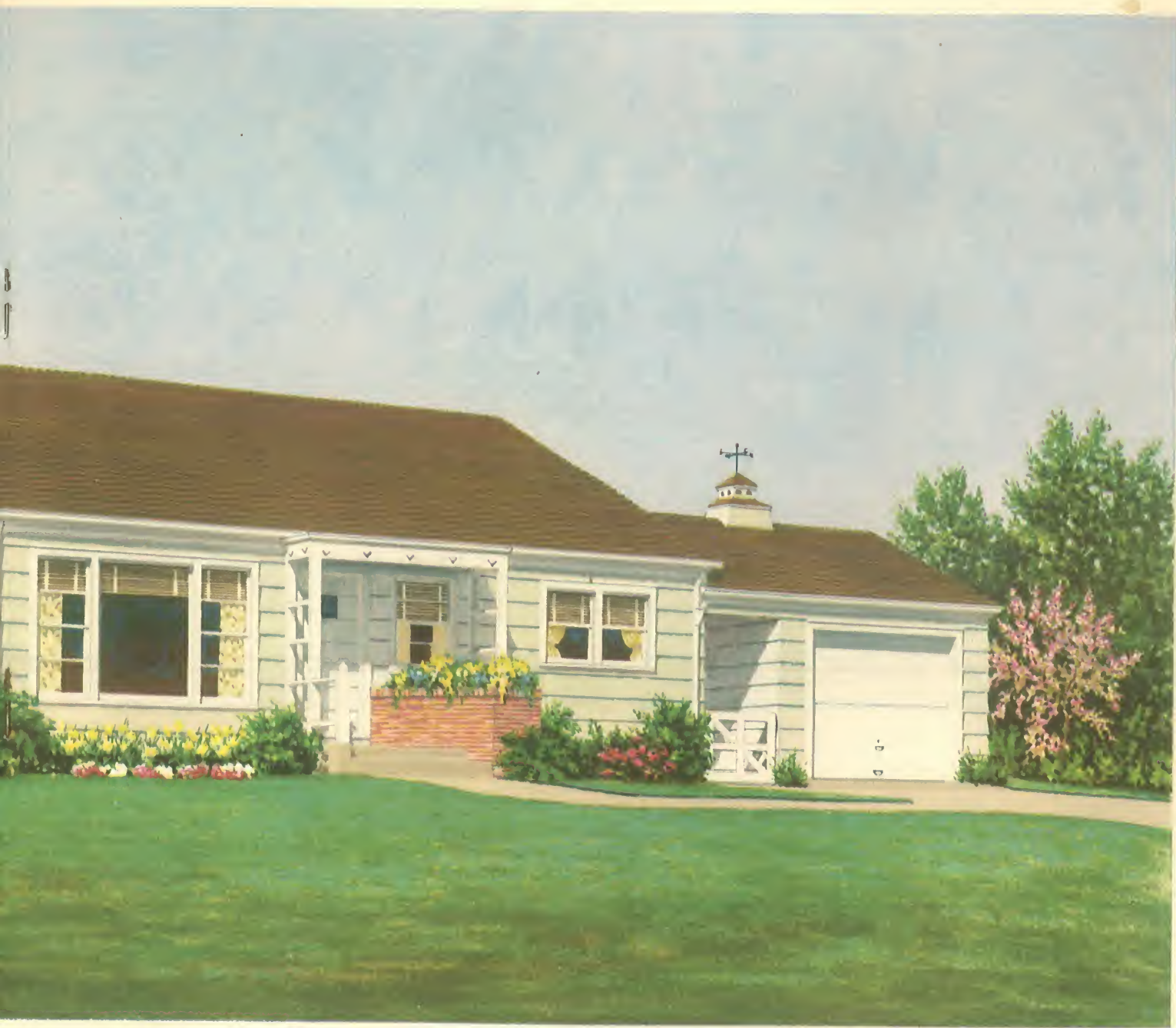
Featuring the use of shingles for both roof and sidewalls, this home is a truly representative example of modern home construction in the moderate cost home field. The efficiency of the floor plan is apparent in the full utilization of every inch of space available and the spaciousness that is effected by the large living room with its dining space, the efficient kitchen and snack space, as well as the three bedrooms, one of which is 11' x 14'.

Many other features and facilities are well worth your attention. The large complete bathroom . . . disappearing stair to the attic . . . the ample attic storage space . . . the full basement . . . open porch at side accessible from living room. The semi-detached, one car garage is connected to the main house by the covered passage which accentuates the wide rambling effect of the entire structure. The service entry is at ground level. There is a natural fireplace in the living room and the stationary picture window has two side windows that open for ventilation.

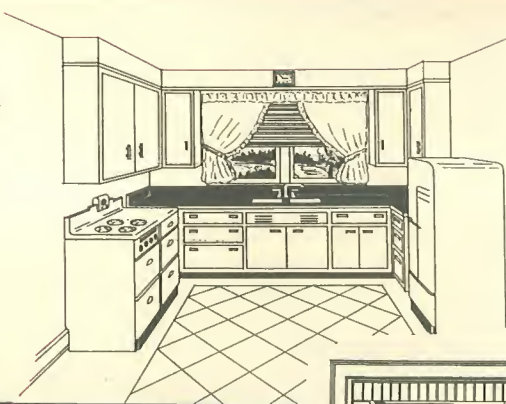


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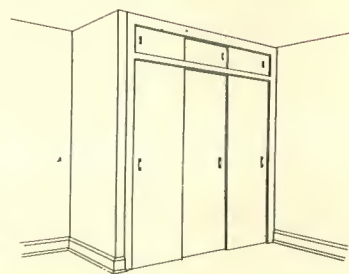
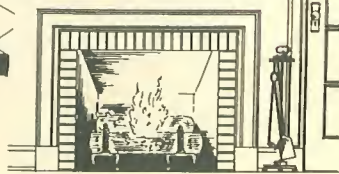


The Dining Space

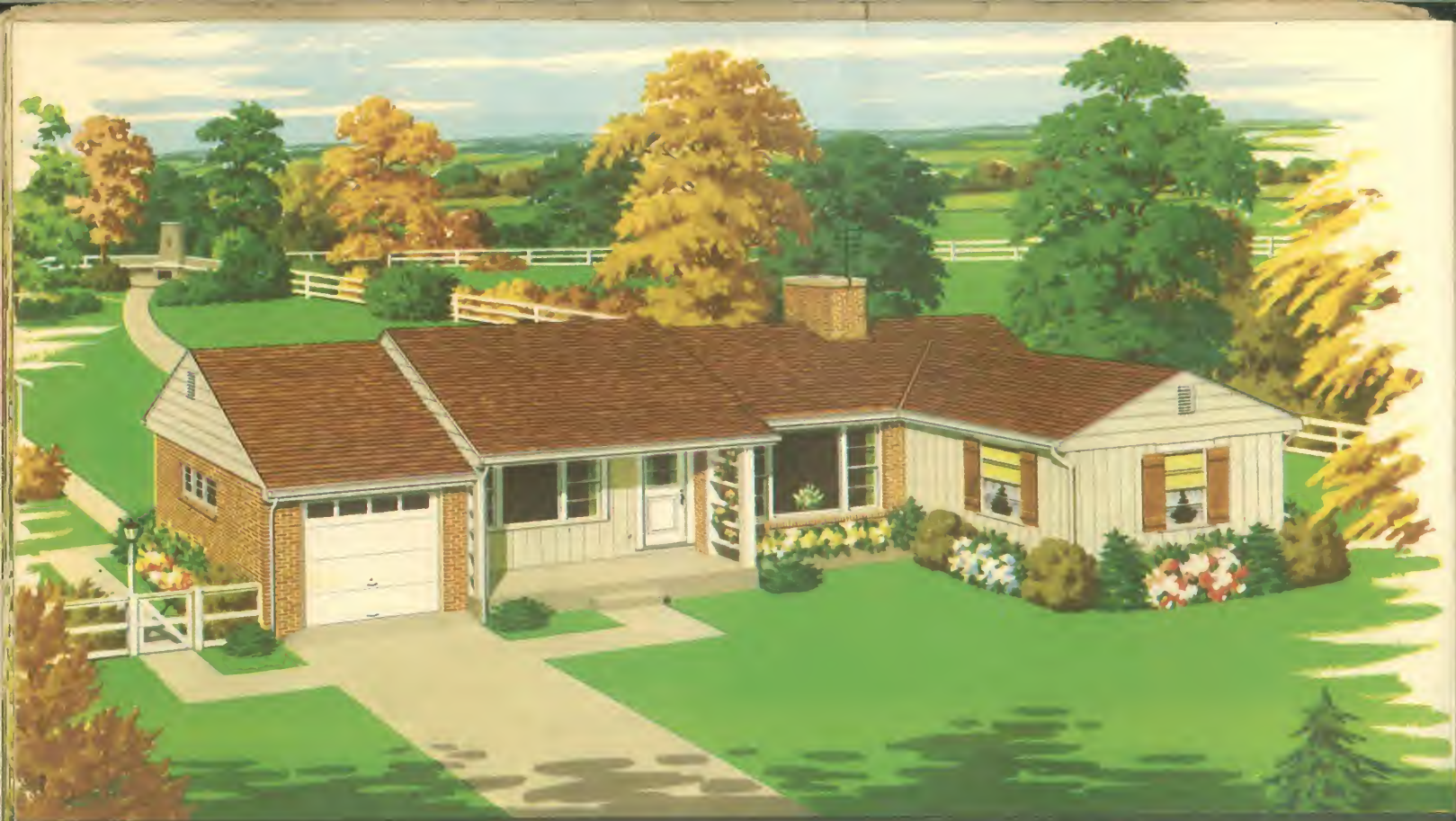


The Kitchen

The Fireplace →



The Wardrobes



V-50

Typical Ranch Home

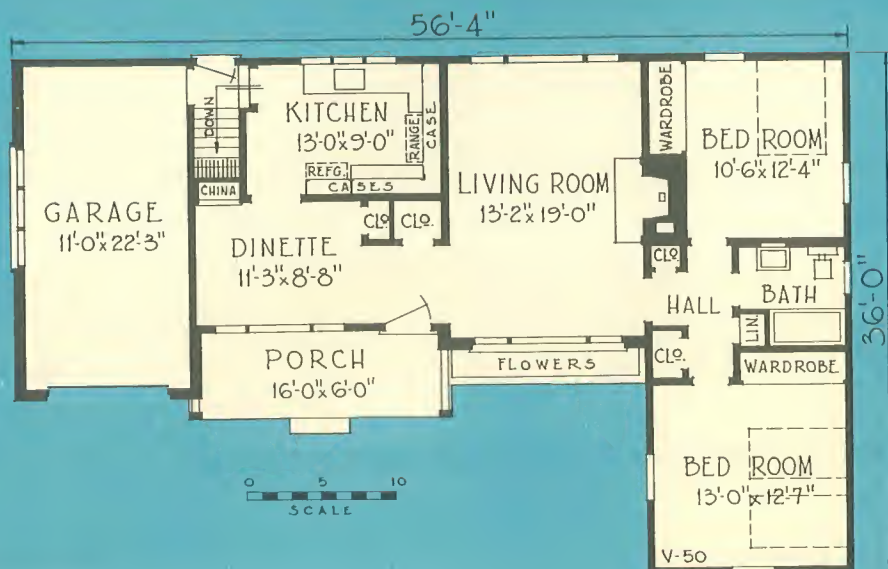
No type of architecture is more popular today than the ranch house. A large lot is required for this design, but if space is available the convenience, sunlight, ventilation and sheer beauty of this home design are worthy of your fullest consideration. The large natural fireplace, the ample closet and wardrobe space, the efficient "U" shaped kitchen and the attached garage are just a few of the outstanding features that are instantly apparent in a study of this floor plan. The rear of the living room has the same large picture window that appears at the front.



China Cabinet

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Cubic Feet: House & Porch 17,472, Garage 3,102. Square Feet: Living Area 1,098, Porch Area 96, Garage Area 282. Ceiling Height 8 ft., Basement 7 ft.



Wise bathroom planning will pay dividends in convenience, beauty and comfort for years to come. With careful arrangement a single bathroom may give double service.

One way of providing "double duty" is with the bathtub and shower set off in a separate compartment from the lavatory and closet. Both units of a divided bathroom can be in use at the same time, providing privacy for each. In this way bathroom availability is double without additional fixtures or piping costs. Another way of increasing bathroom efficiency is the installation of two lavatories instead of one. If there is an entrance from the hall, the doors to the bathroom and the shower section can be closed, leaving the remainder for a powder room.

Colorful fixtures, combined with harmonious planning, selection of materials for walls, floors and ceiling, will make your bathroom one of the most attractive rooms in the house. Almost any effect you desire can be achieved through the use of modern floor coverings. Some of the new composition or ceramic tiles can be used to good advantage, and inlaid linoleums may be purchased in a wide variety of designs and color schemes. These materials may also be used on walls as well. Waterproof paper as a wall covering may be used in combination with a painted ceiling, or walls and ceiling may be painted over plaster.



The powder room, downstairs lavatory or half-bath as it is sometimes called, has become almost a necessity. A small room on the first floor, it is readily available to guests and saves unnecessary stair-climbing for your own family. If it is possible to have it near the kitchen or recreation room, so much the better.

Bathroom accessories are not expensive and they offer so much, not only from a utility standpoint, but the color notes they provide add beauty and gaiety to the general appearance. Soap holders and towel racks are necessary and colorful. The conventional medicine cabinet a "must" in any bath, is now obtainable in a wide variety of attractive designs and does much to enhance the appearance of the room.

A cabinet for storage of towels and other bathroom supplies should be given consideration. Properly designed, it will be inconspicuous and, with an open towel shelf, the color scheme of the bathroom may be further carried out in the towels themselves.

The bathrooms on this page are indicative of many unusual arrangements possible where area permits. For examples of dual bath arrangements see pages 9, 26 and 29. A careful study of the many standard fixtures available today is recommended in choosing the ideal bathroom for the needs of your family.





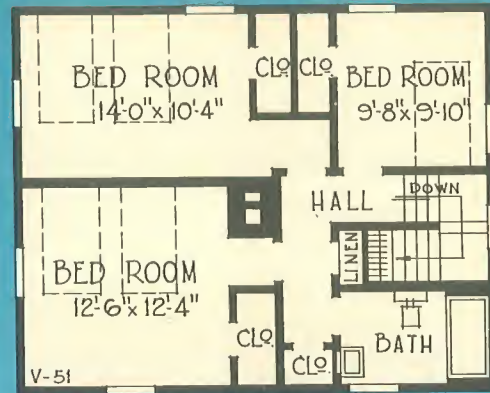
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New England Colonial

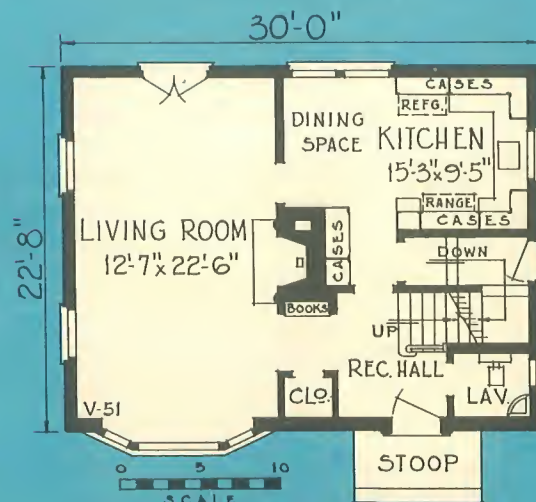
The conventional exterior with its common brick walls painted white on the lower story and frame walls of beveled siding on the upper story are typically New England. This is commonly called the Garrison type home, featuring an overhang of the second floor, typifying this style. The large living room extends the full depth of the house and the five rooms have six room efficiency because ample dining space is located in the roomy kitchen. Kitchen facilities are planned in accordance with the efficient "U" type arrangement. A powder room is located off of the front reception hall. The French doors at the rear of the living room are provided in anticipation of a rear terrace or covered porch which you may add at a future date.

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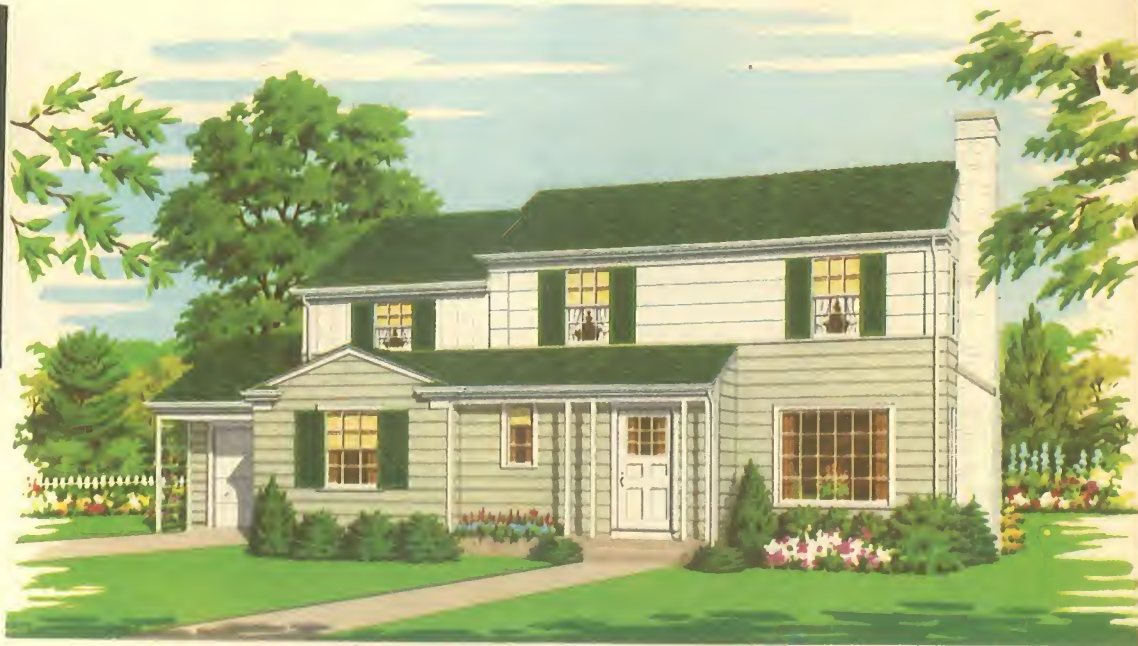
FIRST FLOOR

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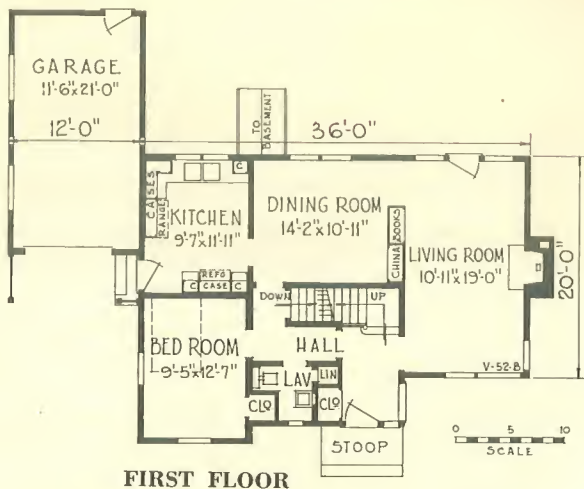
Two Exteriors for Same Plan

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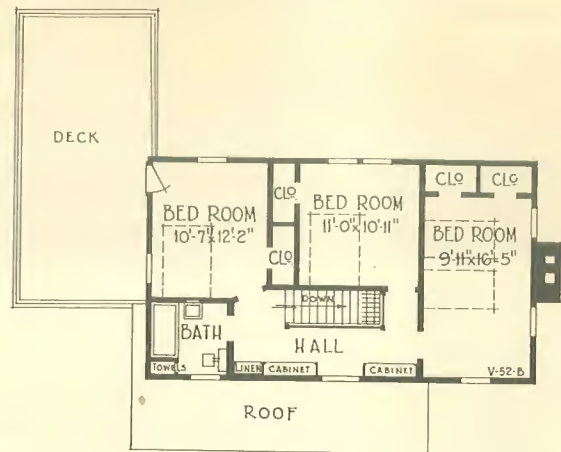
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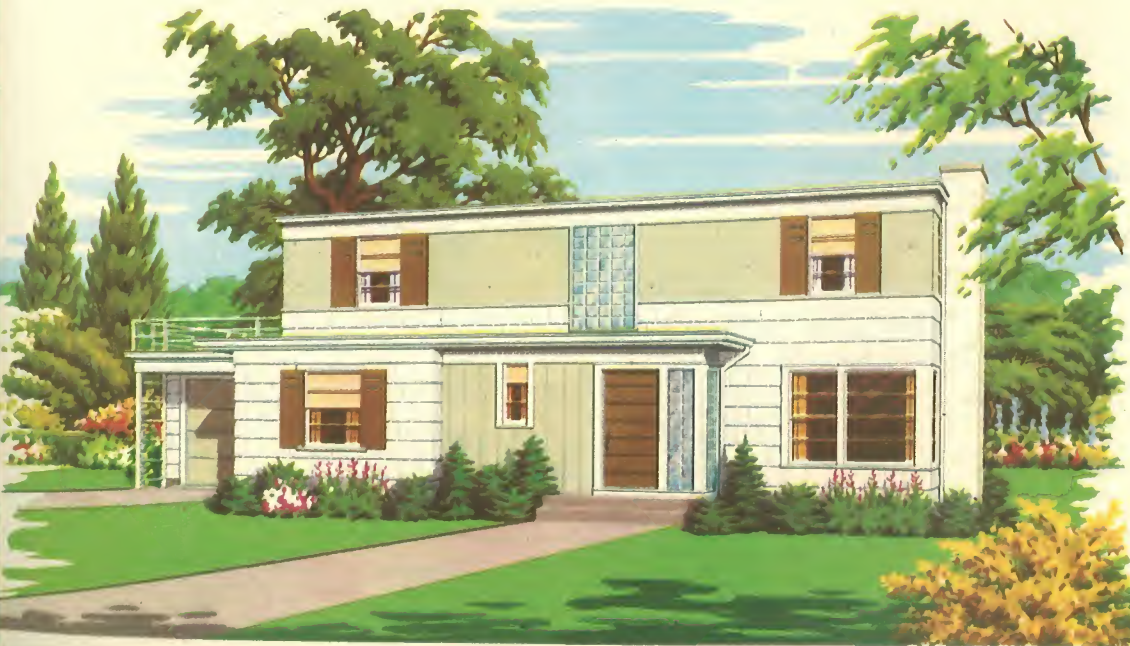
COLONIAL EXTERIOR—A



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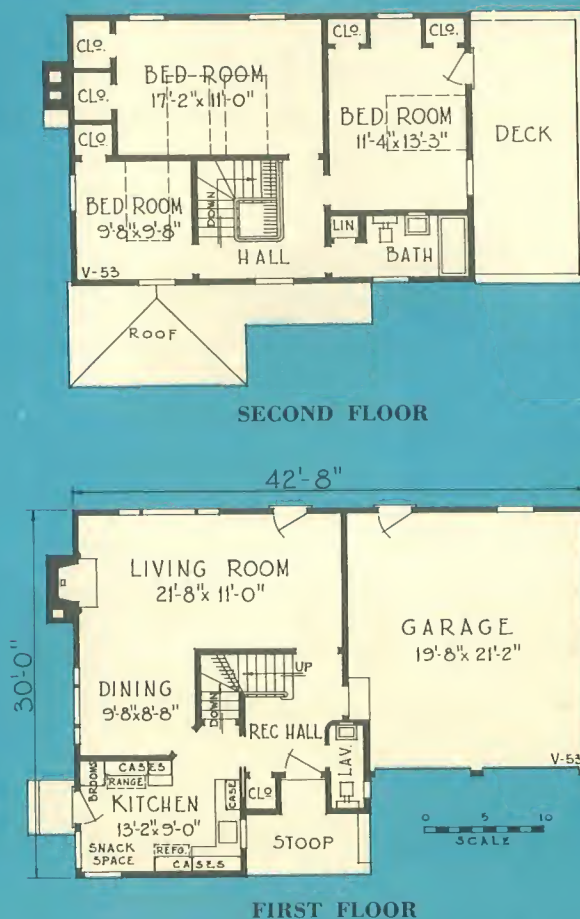


SECOND FLOOR



CONTEMPORARY EXTERIOR—B

Basically the same floor plan, the exteriors of these two homes are entirely dissimilar. The Colonial exterior above and the contemporary exterior at the left are outstanding examples of typical Colonial and modern contemporary design. The first floor plan of each of these homes has four rooms including the desirable first floor bedroom, conveniently located to the powder room, off of the hall. In addition to the large dining room, there is also dining space in the kitchen.



The housewife who has plenty of storage space is a rare and fortunate individual. No matter how carefully storage space and room arrangements are planned, it always seems that a shortage of space eventually develops. Countless pages could be devoted to the subject of built-in conveniences that occupy a minimum of space and provide a maximum efficiency. The few that are shown on this page are merely suggestions that indicate some of the possibilities of equally desirable built-ins to make every inch of your home as efficient, comfortable and attractive as possible.

There is usually a space in any floor plan that can be utilized for the installation of a linen cabinet. In halls or under stairs conveniently located near the bath or bedrooms, a cabinet sufficiently large to store an adequate linen supply can often be installed.

A cabinet and shelves built into the nursery solves the ever present problem of toy storage. Children's colorful toys, displayed on the open shelves add appreciably to the attractiveness of the room, and Junior's favorites are always within easy reach.

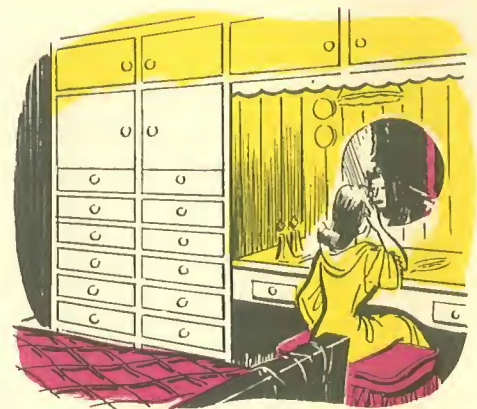


Built-in storage and furniture have many advantages over ready-made or portable facilities. In addition to the convenience of building-in exactly what you need for the purpose intended, the saving of space is considerable and the materials required are usually relatively inexpensive. There are innumerable items that can be built that will not only add to the home but also provide many a pleasant hour for the man with a home work shop.

Cabinets and vanities, built-in to meet your requirements, not only provide the most possible space for storage and efficiency, but they add greatly to the charm and attractiveness of the room. The suggestion shown here is one of many that could be carried out equally satisfactorily in accordance with your decorating and furnishing ideas.

Closets may be partitioned in various ways for more efficient clothes storage. For additional storage space wardrobes may be employed. These can be portable and moved from room to room as requirements change.

A built-in ironing board is a real convenience. The one illustrated folds into a panel of the door to a broom and cleaning equipment storage cabinet. The construction is such that when this panel in the door is dropped, the ironing board automatically falls into a rigid position.

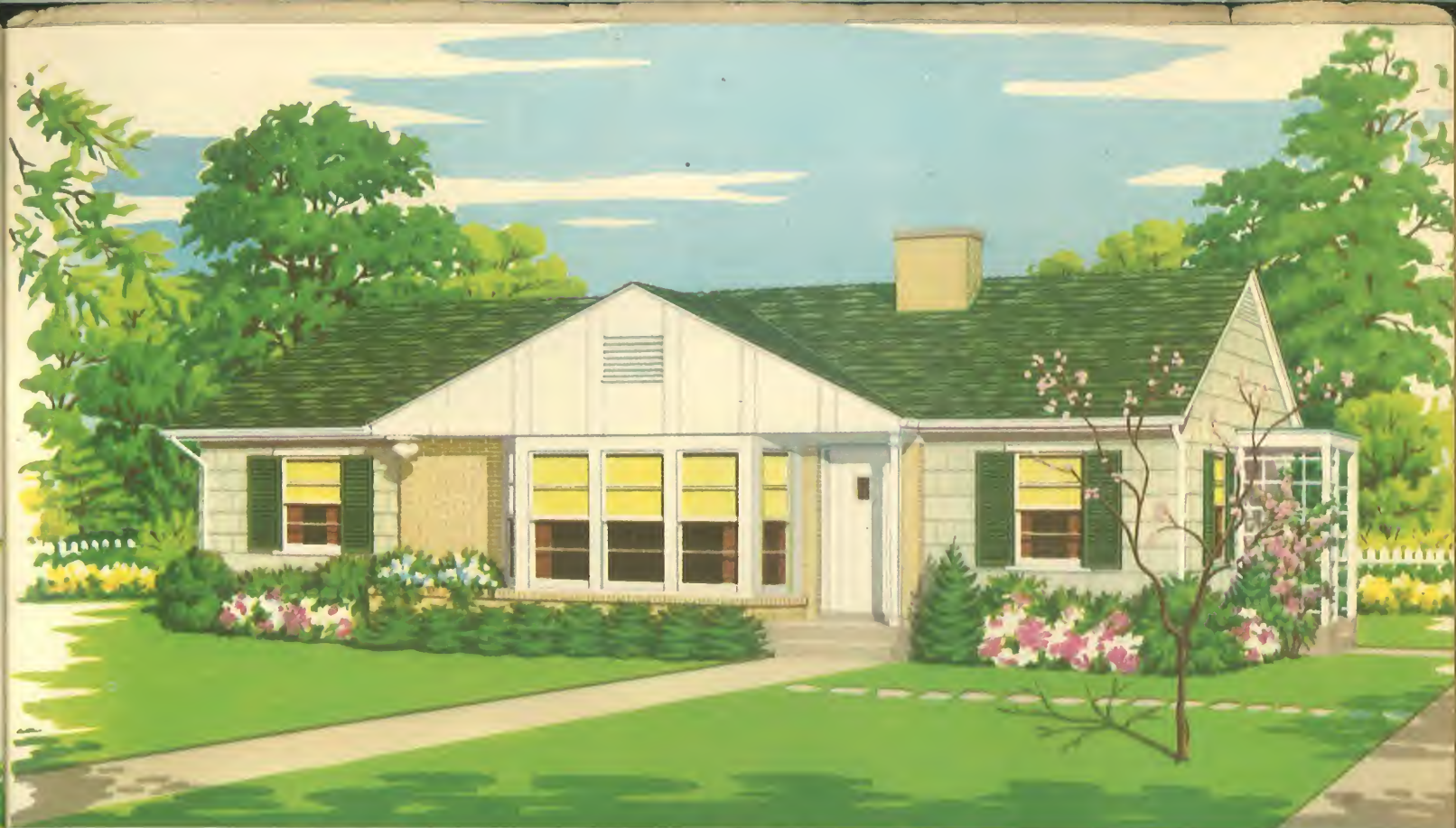




This floor plan shows a 1.5-story house with the following layout and dimensions:

- Garage:** 11'-0" x 21'-0" (12'-0" wide section).
- Breezeway:** 8'-0" x 10'-0" (8'-0" wide section).
- Living Room:** 12'-0" x 19'-0". Includes a fireplace (FP), a stoop (V-54), and a flower bed (FLOWERS).
- Dining Space:** 8'-0" wide section.
- Kitchen:** 8'-6" x 11'-10". Includes a refrigerator (REFG.), gas pipes (GAS P.), a range, and a closet (CLO.).
- Hall:** Central hallway with a linen closet (LIN.), stairs (DOWN), and a closet (CLO.).
- Bed Rooms:**
 - Top right: 10'-6" x 8'-5" (includes a closet).
 - Bottom left: 10'-0" x 15'-0" (includes a wardrobe).
 - Bottom right: 10'-6" x 15'-0" (includes a wardrobe).
- Bathroom:** Located between the top and bottom right bedrooms.
- Other Features:** A vestibule (VEST.) and a closet (CLO.) are located between the living room and the top right bedroom.

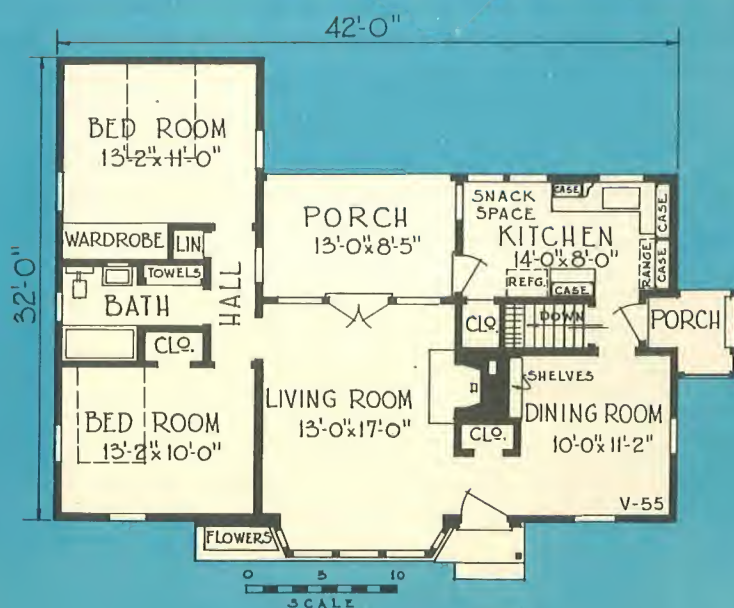
An alternate garage and breezeway location is shown in a dashed box at the top of the plan. A scale bar indicates 0, 5, and 10 feet. The overall dimensions of the house are 42'-0" wide and 32'-0" deep.



V-55

"Garden-View" Home

This is a complete five room home with a full dining room and a garden porch at the rear of the living room. This porch is also accessible from the kitchen. There are many other features that add to the livability of this rambling Colonial home, such as the abundance of closets, wardrobe, linen and towel cabinets strategically placed for time and step saving. Note the convenient snack space in the kitchen and the efficiency of the kitchen arrangement. This home has a full basement.



Corner in Kitchen

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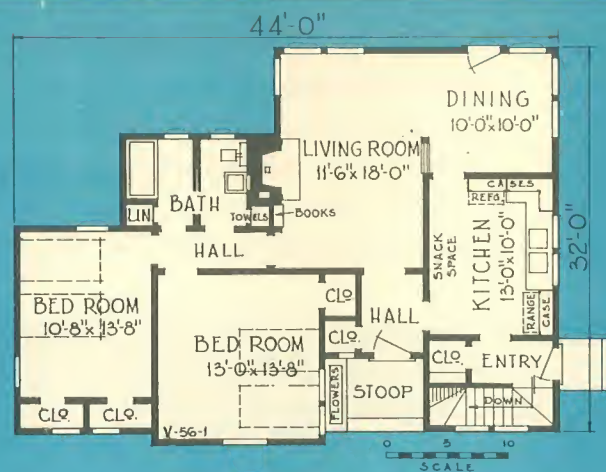
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Dual Bath Featured

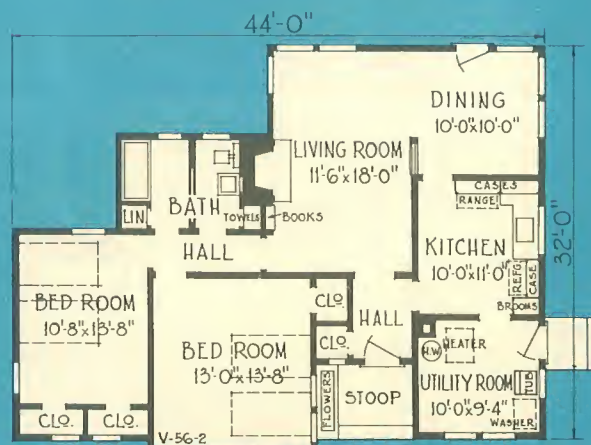
There is much to be said in favor of a basement, but the utility room adherents can offer many good reasons for preferring that arrangement instead. Here are two plans with overall dimensions the same; Plan 1 with basement and kitchen large enough to provide a snack space and Plan 2 with no basement, a somewhat smaller kitchen and a utility room for laundry and heating facilities. Both plans have the dual compartment bath, divided in such a manner that two members of the family may use its facilities at the same time. One section may also be decorated suitably for the use of guests as a powder room. This is a "garden" type home with the living and dining rooms at the rear.

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Cubic Feet: Plan 1-22,933, Plan 2-15,883. Square Feet: Living Area Plan 1 & Plan 2-1,175. Ceiling Height 8 ft., Basement Plan 1-7 ft.



PLAN 1—WITH BASEMENT



PLAN 2—WITHOUT BASEMENT

Towel and linen shelves and cabinets are indispensable in the bathroom, but they may well contribute color and interest through an arrangement such as suggested in the illustration at the right. Linens and towels are within easy reach with access at the sides of the cabinets. Shallow shelves at the face, painted in a harmonizing or contrasting color add interest and beauty, effectively setting off the intriguing shapes and colors of your most eye-appealing toiletries.



An open display of dishes, perhaps on either side of the windows as shown here, is colorful and creates the atmosphere of a dining room in small areas at negligible cost. It is advisable to locate dinette or breakfast areas near a window and there is usually some space at either side that may well be used to create a similar ensemble effect. Many other arrangements equally pleasing and just as practical may be worked out.



Movable Cabinets for additional general storage can also be included in your plan. Their advantage is in the variations of room planning and furniture placement that can be achieved by locating them as desired.

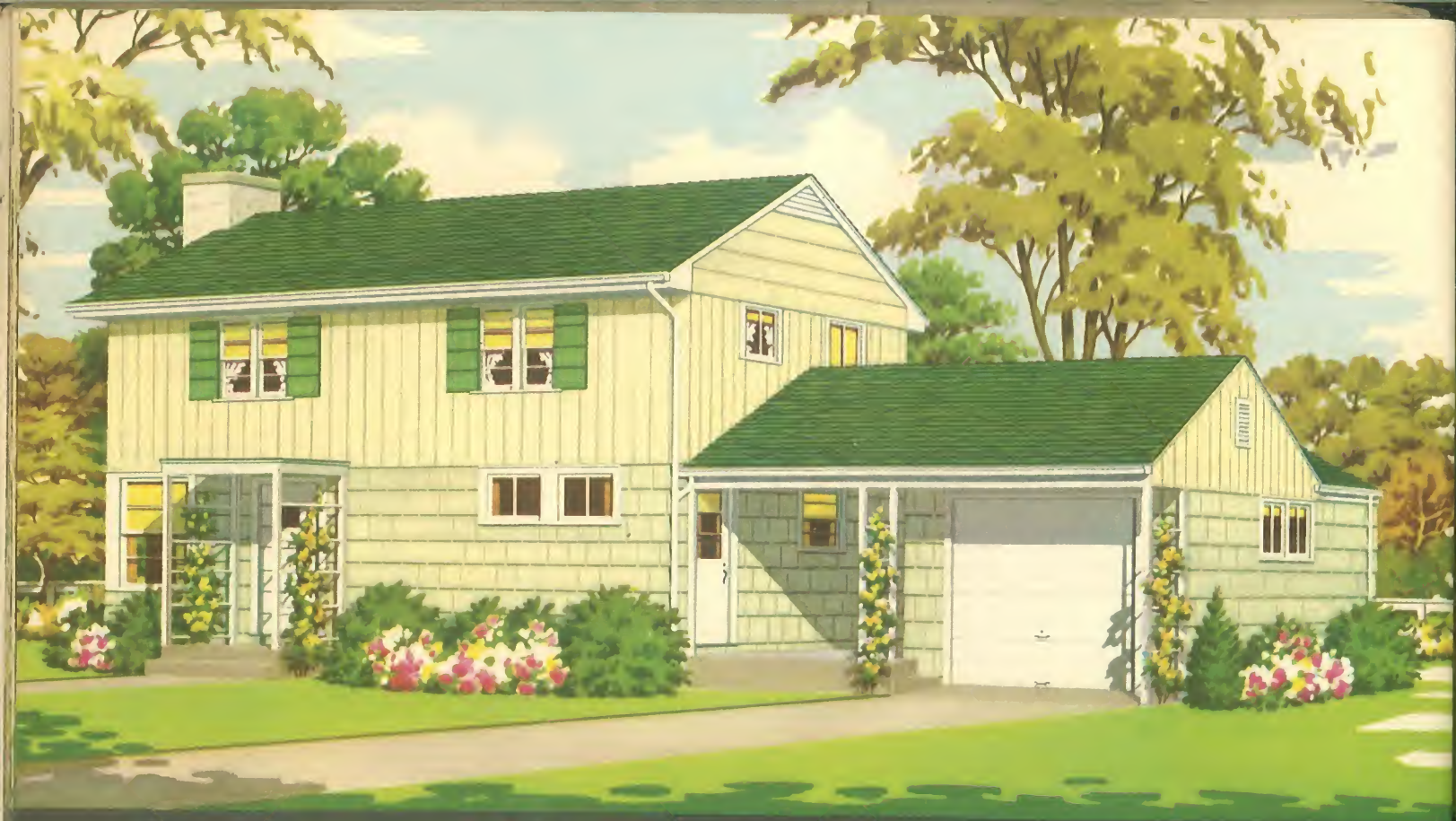
Basement space is just as valuable as any other space in your home. To utilize it to fullest advantage requires almost as much careful planning. There are so many attractive and interesting possibilities that careful consideration should be given to the needs of your family. Perhaps certain hobbies may be more satisfactorily pursued, and actual living space might also be provided in the recreation area or adjacent to it. Illustrated at the right are two suggestions, but the possibilities are infinite. The basement, efficiently planned can be considered as adding an additional floor to your home. There are many popular and easily worked materials, colorful wallboards, floor and ceiling tiles, etc. — well-adapted to the finishing of a basement.



Make a list of the many activities you and your family would like to engage in, which can not be successfully encompassed in the house itself, and work out basement accommodations accordingly.

The recreation room illustrated is ideal for the entire family and for entertaining. The other illustration shows a study and dark room with built-in cabinets and photographic developing equipment. The study room may also be used for a sewing room or a relaxation retreat.





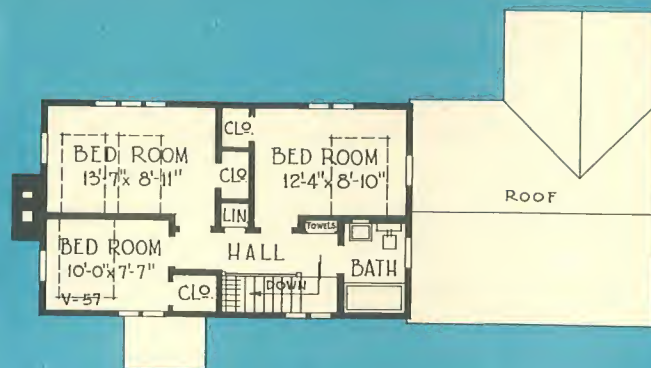
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Breezeway Adds Width

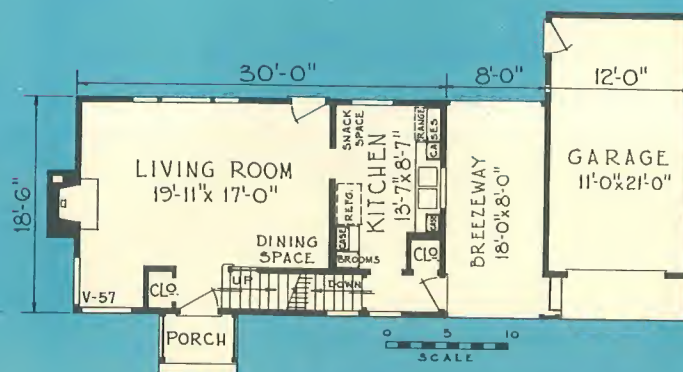
The attached garage and breezeway of this contemporary home gives the appearance of, and actually provides considerable width. The dimensions of the house itself are comparatively small. The large living room includes a dining space and a natural fireplace. Picture windows and a French door are provided for the popular and desirable "garden view." The kitchen is arranged so that it provides all modern kitchen facilities and a snack space as well. The connected garage roof and breezeway are so designed that they provide hood protection for the garage door. Upstairs there are three bedrooms, five closets and a full bath.

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Cubic Feet: House 14,076, Breezeway 720, Garage 2,961. Square Feet: Living Area 1st Floor 540, 2nd Floor 540, Breezeway 144, Garage 264. Ceiling Heights: 1st Floor 8 ft., 2nd Floor 7 ft. 6 in., Basement 7 ft.



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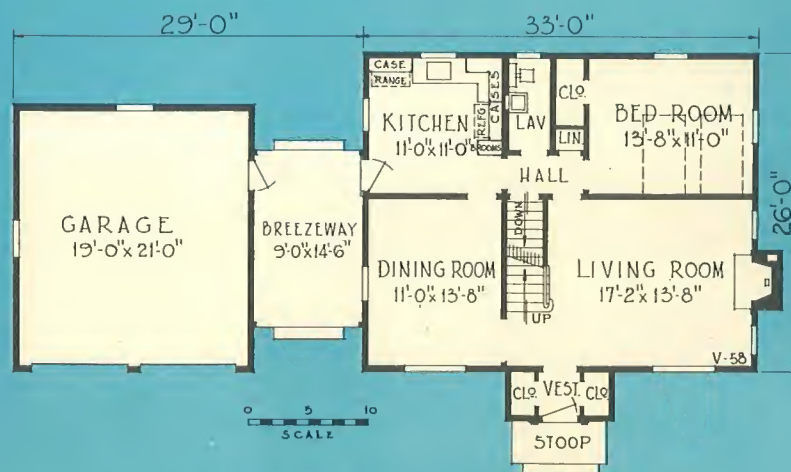
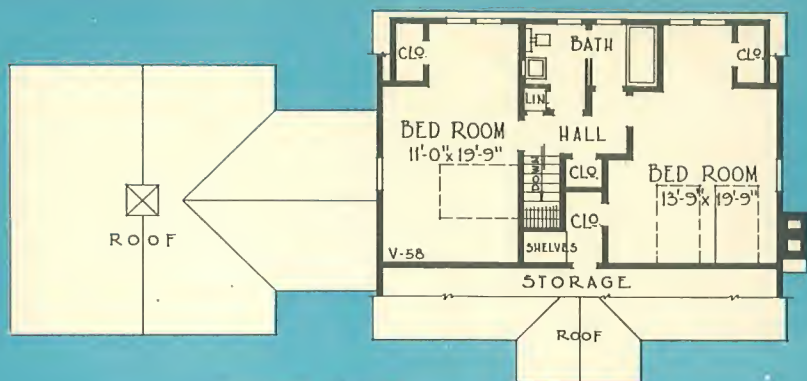


FIRST FLOOR



V-58

With 2-Car Garage



The simplicity of this modern Cape Cod design is responsible for much of its charm. The breezeway connecting the house and the two-car garage contributes to the overall appearance of low, horizontal lines and rambling width. The living room and dining room have twin stationary picture windows with ventilators beneath. The first floor has one bedroom with a convenient powder room and upstairs there are two large bedrooms and a dual compartment bath. Economical construction is assured by the maximum utilization of all building space.

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Cubic Feet: House 21,168, Breezeway 655, Garage 4,840. Square Feet: Living Area 1st Floor 894, 2nd Floor 666, Breezeway 131, Garage 440. Ceiling Heights: 1st Floor 8 ft., 2nd Floor 7 ft. 6 in., Basement 7 ft.



V-59

Small But Efficient

This modern home is rather small but its efficient layout more than compensates for its lack of size. Two plans are provided, Plan 1 with basement, and Plan 2 without basement. Plan 2 has an efficient utility room for heating and laundry. The exterior is of frame construction with beveled siding.



PLAN 1—WITH BASEMENT



PLAN 2—WITHOUT BASEMENT

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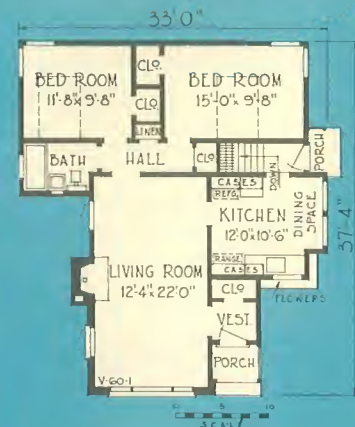
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2 or 3 Bedrooms

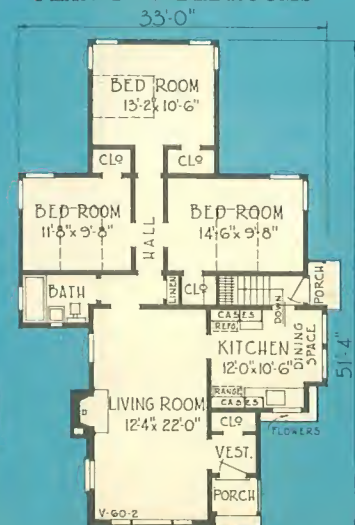
Both of the plans for this home provide for a full basement. Plan 1, however, is for a four room home with two bedrooms and Plan 2 is for a five room home with three bedrooms. Except for the difference in number of bedrooms, both plans are almost identical.

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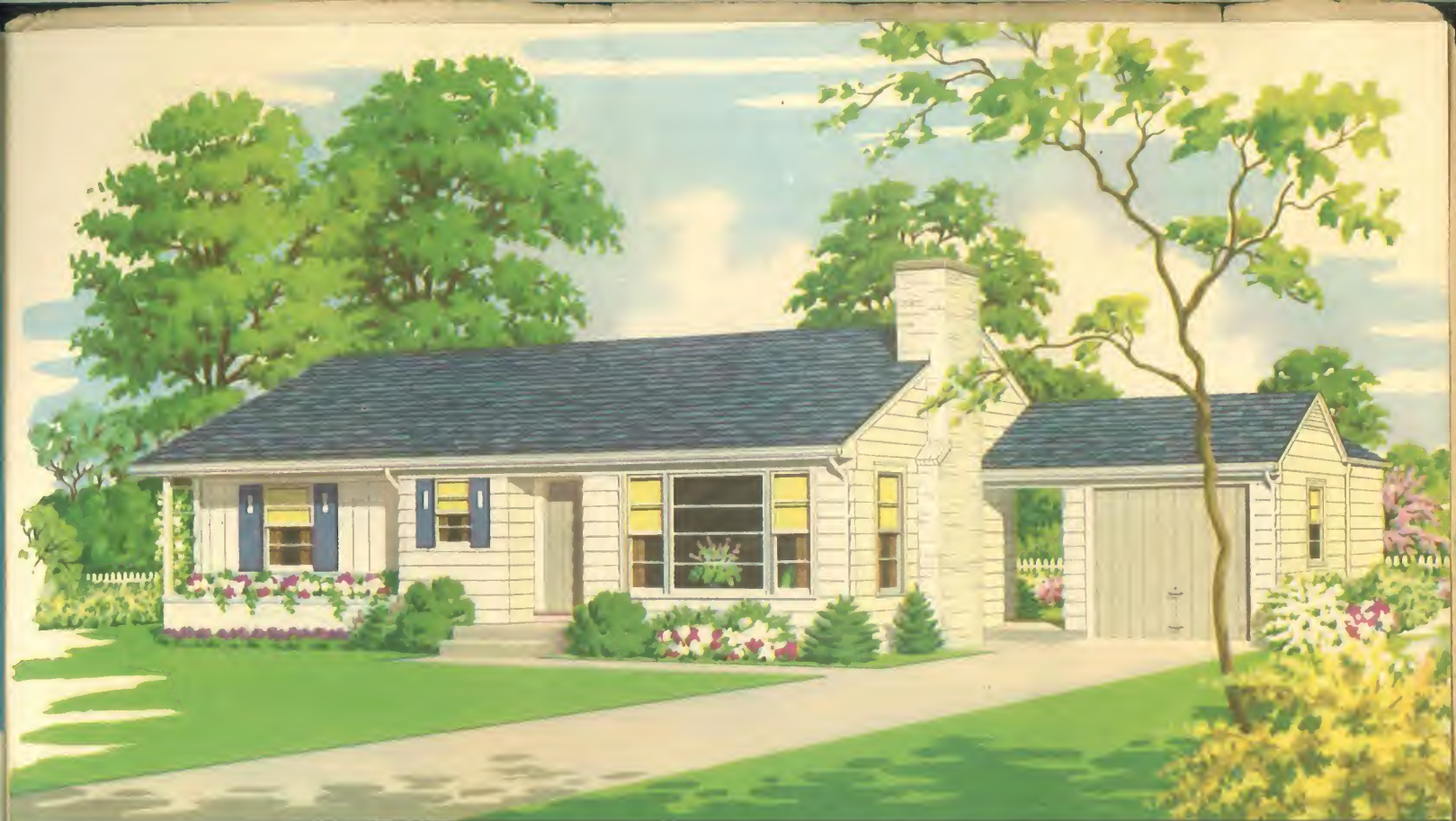
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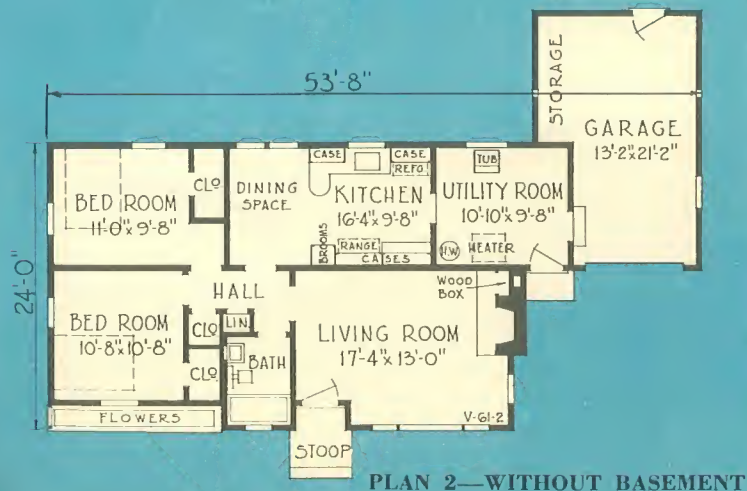
PLAN 1—2 BEDROOMS



PLAN 2—3 BEDROOMS



V-61 With or Without Basement



Two plans are available for this modern ranch type home. Plan 1 provides for a full basement and a breezeway connecting home and attached garage. Plan 2 utilizes the breezeway and stair space for a utility room containing heating and laundry equipment. Otherwise the plans are almost identical. The living room has a large natural fireplace with a wood box at one side. A picture window with sash at either side for ventilation is another feature. Two bedrooms and ample closets are provided, and note the arrangement of the bath. It is possible to pass from the kitchen through to the bath without entering the living room. The flower box and chimney are brick and all other exterior construction is a combination of horizontal and vertical siding.

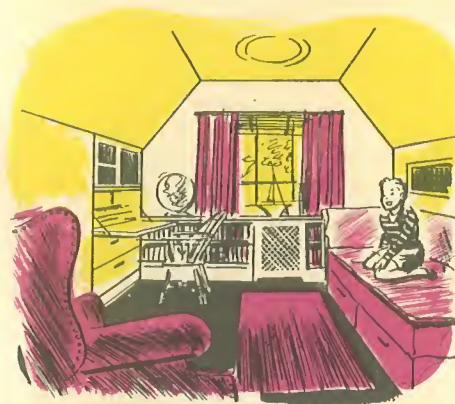
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Cubic Feet: Plan 1, House 16,209, Porch 405, Garage 2,541. Plan 2, House 12,697, Garage 2,845. Square Feet: Plan 1, Living Area 851, Porch Area 81, Garage Area 242. Plan 2, Living Area 930, Garage Area 271. Ceiling Height 8 ft., Basement Plan 1-7 ft.

Attic rooms are an indoor haven for children as well as a welcome retreat for privacy when other rooms in the house are occupied. Built-in couches or bunks may also be used for sleeping quarters when such additional facilities become necessary.

The storage areas that are generally associated with attic space need not necessarily be sacrificed. Cabinets, chests of drawers, bookshelves, window seats and other storage arrangements should be built-in to conserve space and lend the greatest possible individuality and attractiveness to the room. Considerations such as low ceilings, or sloping roofs must be taken into account and sometimes, even become assets in the completed appearance of the room through careful planning and selection of materials.

A Disappearing Stair is often the practical answer to attic accessibility where a permanent stair is not always possible to include in the plan. This feature makes usable otherwise wasted attic space.

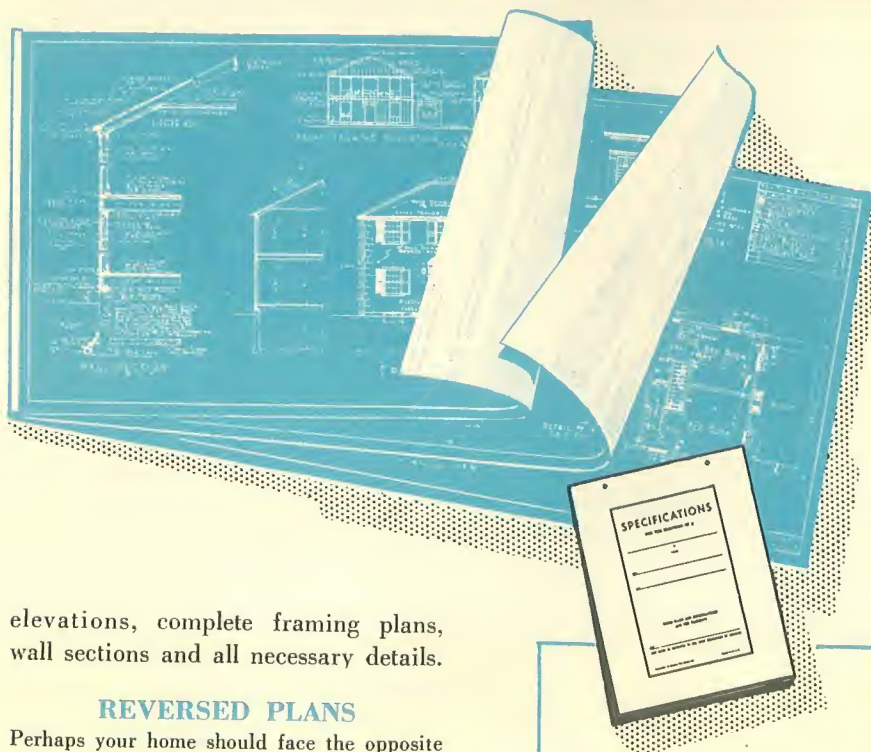


Accurate Plans Are Essential

A home must first be "constructed" on paper with every detail clearly defined, if the home builder would be assured of complete understanding and agreement among all concerned with the building of his home. Blueprints of complete and accurate working drawings are essential in avoiding waste, disappointments and delay. Complete blueprints must also be submitted to a lending agency for its approval when applying for a home loan.

In the interests of sound and better small home construction, each design in this book was engineered by architects and technicians experienced in specialized fields of home planning.

All blueprint working drawings include the following: basement or foundation plan, first floor plan, second floor plan (if drawing is for a two-story home), front, rear and side



elevations, complete framing plans, wall sections and all necessary details.

REVERSED PLANS

Perhaps your home should face the opposite direction. Obviously, a plan designed for a lot facing east will not result in the best exposure when your lot fronts to the west. Plans of homes as illustrated in this book are available either as shown or reversed, as may be required.

Specifications are statements of particulars which tell what you are going to receive in materials and workmanship for the construction of your home. Building contract forms are also included.



